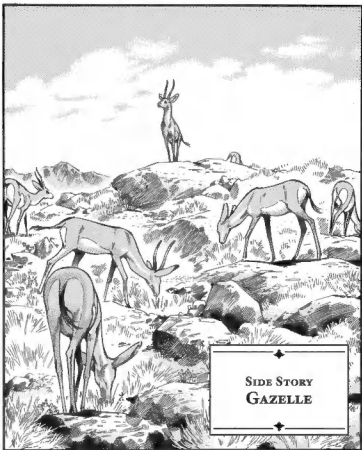


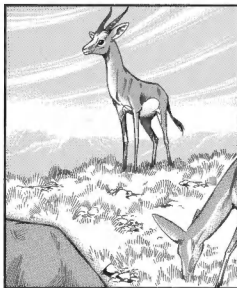
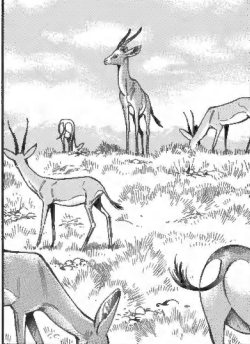












A BRIDE'S STORY

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Kaoru Mori



BRIDE S. STORY

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Kaoru
Mori

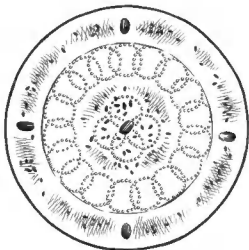




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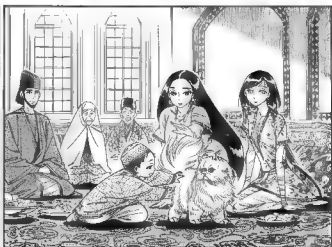
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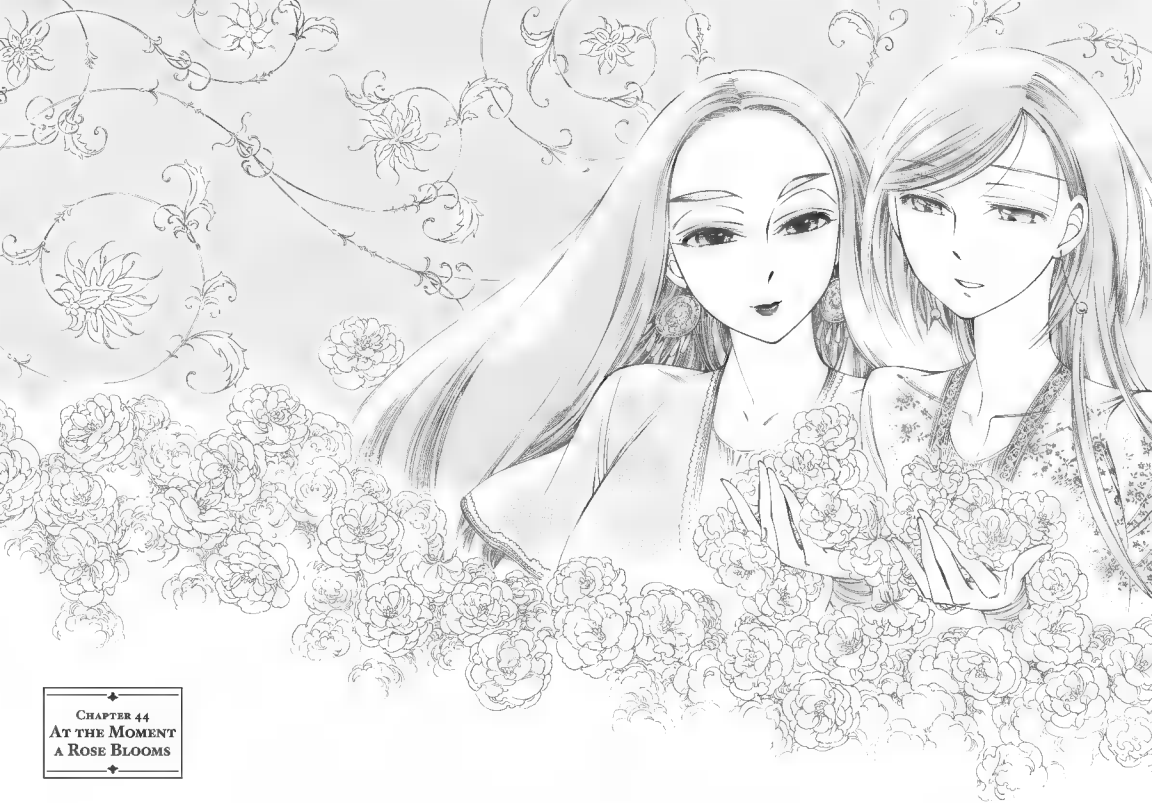




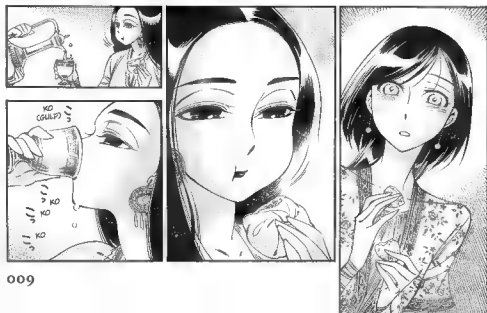
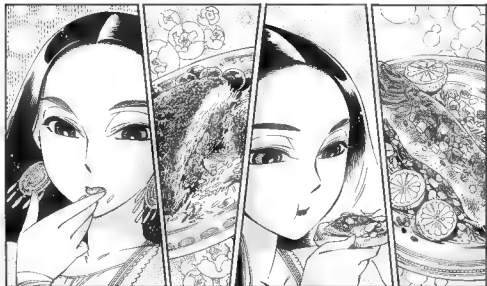
NOT MUCH TIME HAS PASSED SINCE SHERINE BECAME THE SECOND WIFE OF ANIS'S HUSBAND.

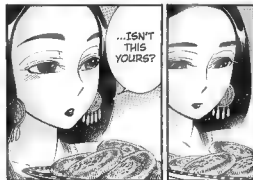
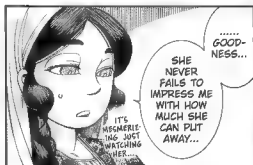


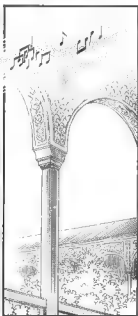










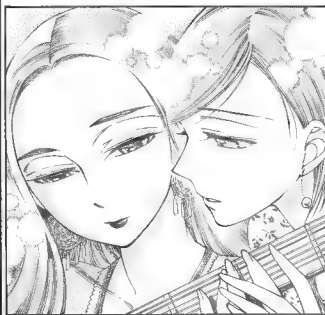




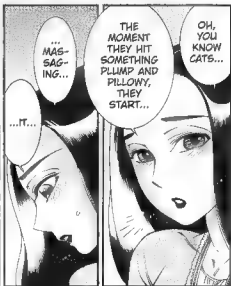
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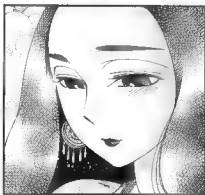


OH NO. I'VE NEVER EVEN HELD ONE.





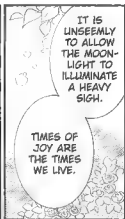




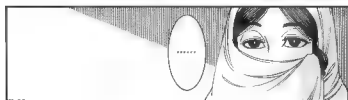




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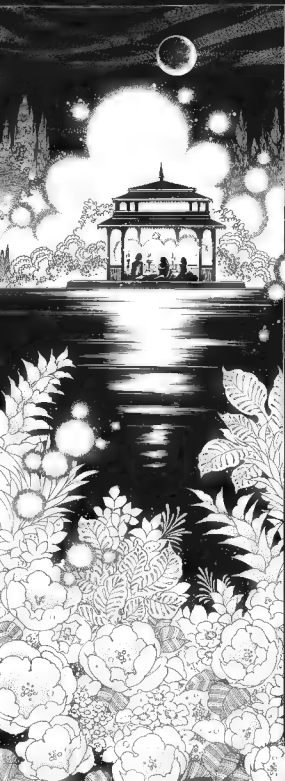
































WE COULDN'T
EVEN SALVAGE
ANY OF THE
CLOTH THAT WE
HAD PREPARED
FOR PARIYA'S
MARRIED
LIFE.

YES...

EVERY-
THING
ELSE
BURNED.



...THE
TOWN CAME
UNDER ATTACK BY
THE BADAN
AND HALGAL
CLANS.

ONLY
A DAY
OR TWO
PRIOR...



WHERE
ARE YOUR
MANNERS?

PARIYA!



PARIYA'S
FAMILY
CAME TO
AMIR'S
HOME TO
STAY...

...UNTIL
THEIR
OWN
HOME
COULD BE
REBUILT.

THANK
YOU FOR
YOUR
KIND-
NESS.



WHAT-
EVER WE
CAN DO.

OF
COURSE.



...AMIR,
THANK
YOU FOR
PUTTING
US UP.



CHAPTER 45
PARIYA'S
NEEDLEWORK

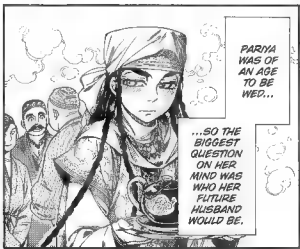


THE VERY
FIRST FRIEND
AMIR MADE
WHEN SHE
MARRIED
INTO A FAMILY
IN THIS
TOWN...

...WAS
PARIYA.



UN-
FORTU-
NATELY
...



PARIYA
WAS OF
AN AGE
TO BE
WED...

...SO THE
BIGGEST
QUESTION
ON HER
MIND WAS
WHO HER
FUTURE
HUSBAND
WOULD BE.





...BUT
WE'LL HAVE
TO START
REBUILDING
HER DOWRY
FROM
SCRATCH.



THE
TALK WITH
THE BOY'S
FAMILY
DIDN'T GO
BADLY...



AND IT
WON'T BE
POSSIBLE
TO HOLD A
WEDDING IN
THIS TOWN
ANYTIME
SOON.



IT'S
UNFORTUNATE,
BUT IT'S THE
FACT OF THE
SITUATION WE'RE
IN. I'M SURE
HE'LL WAIT.



SO IT
LOOKS LIKE
THE CEREMONY
WILL HAVE TO
BE DELAYED
FOR QUITE A
WHILE.



I
SEE...

I SUP-
POSE IT
CAN'T BE
HELPED.













...SO I
FORESEE
YOU FINDING
A GOOD
MATCH.



...WHEN
SHE FIRST
CAME TO
US...

I KNOW
THAT YOU
WERE KIND
TO AMIR...



YOU
AREN'T THE
DISOBEDIENT
CHILD EVERY-
ONE SAYS
YOU ARE.



BUT...



...EVEN SO,
YOU NEED
TO LEARN TO
HANDLE A
NEEDLE.



WELL?
ARE YOU
WILLING TO BE
EDUCATED?



THIS
HAS
GIVEN US
A GOOD
OPPORTUNITY.



TORKAN!

SCATTER IT
A LITTLE AT
A TIME.



WE'LL BE
MAKING
LUNCH TO
BRING TO
THOSE
FAMILIES
AFFECTED.



RIGHT!



OKAY,
I'M OFF.



ALL OF
THEM
NEED TO
GET
SOME!



I HEAR
THERE
ARE STILL
HORSES
DOWN
BY THE
RIVER
TOO.

I SUPPOSE
I'LL HAVE
TO TRY
SOMEPLACE
ELSE.



WE'RE
COM-
PLETELY
FULL.

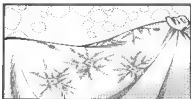
WE'RE
EVEN
USING
THE
GARDENS.

IS
THAT
SO?



KARLUK!

DO YOU
STILL HAVE
AN OPEN
STALL?





ONCE
YOU BECOME A
MOTHER, YOU WILL
BE RESPONSIBLE
FOR EVERYTHING
YOUR FAMILY
WEARS...



...SO SEW
EACH PIECE
AS IF YOUR
CHILDREN
WERE GOING
TO WEAR IT.



WHAT'S
MORE, IF
YOU HATE
WHAT YOU
DO, YOU'LL
NEVER
IMPROVE.



WHAT?
YOU CAN'T
IMAGINE
THAT?



CHILDREN...



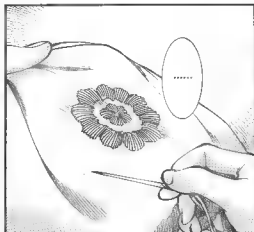
DO THAT,
AND YOU'LL
IMPROVE.



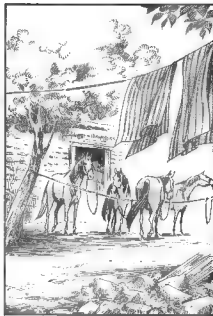
I THINK
OF HAWKS
WHEN I DO
NEEDLE-
WORK.



ALL RIGHT,
THINK OF
SOMEONE YOU
CARE ABOUT
WHEN YOU
SEW.











WE DIDN'T
DO MUCH OF
ANYTHING.

THE ONE
WHO DID THE
WORK WAS
THE GIRL
HERSELF.



AFTER
WE'VE ALREADY
BEEN SUCH A
BURDEN ON YOU,
FOR YOU TO
SPEND SO MUCH
EFFORT HELPING
PARIYA...

WAIT!
MOTHER!
THAT'S
WAY OVER-
BOARD!

I DON'T
KNOW HOW
I CAN EVER
THANK
YOU...



THEN
WHO DID
YOU HAVE IN
MIND WHEN
YOU MADE
THIS?

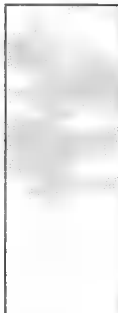


REALLY...?

WITH
SOMEONE
IN MIND?



ACTUALLY,
ALL I DID
WAS TELL
HER TO
SEW IT WITH
SOMEONE
IN MIND.



IT'S
KIND OF
LIKE...

HOW
TO PUT
IT...

NOT
ANYONE
SPECIFI-
CALLY...



LIM...

IT
ISN'T AS
IF I HAD
ANYONE IN
PARTICU-
LAR...





STOP TRYING TO RUSH IT.



THESE THINGS ALWAYS TAKE TIME.

BUT EVEN UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS, THERE'S STILL A LOT TO TALK OVER.



LET'S GO!

SURE!

I HEAR THEY COULD USE A LOT OF HELP.

...IT SEEMS THEY WERE HIT PRETTY HARD.

.....BUT EVEN SO...



AS A WAY OF SHOWING OUR SYMPATHIES?

DO YOU THINK WE COULD HELP THEM?







NOBODY
ELSE
SEEMS
TO BE
USING
IT.



PERSON-
ALLY, I'M
SURPRISED
WE HAVE
THIS MUCH
GRAZING
GROUND
LEFT.

I
COULDN'T
STAY
THERE.

DON'T
EVEN
JOKE
ABOUT
THAT.



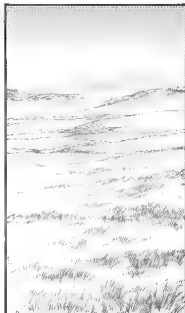
NO ONE
FORCED
YOU TO
COME.

YOU
COULD
HAVE
STAYED
AT THE
CAMP...



YOU KNOW
HOW WHINY
AND BORING
THOSE OLD
GEEZERS ARE. TO
HEAR THAT DAY
AFTER DAY...





APART
FROM US,
NOBODY
WOULD BE
HERE.

WHAT DO
YOU EXPECT?
EVERYBODY
KNOWS THAT
RUSSIA WILL
ATTACK THIS
PLACE ANY-
TIME NOW.



I SUP-
POSE
SO.

IT'S
RATHER LIKE
WE'VE BEEN
ASSIGNED
BORDER
PATROL.



AT LEAST
WE'LL BE
ABLE TO
SURVIVE
THIS
WINTER.



WITH THE
BATTLE
LOST
AND HIS
FATHER
DEAD...

...AZEL
INHERITED
THE CLAN
LEADER-
SHIP.

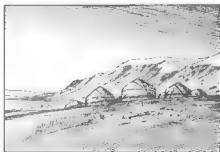


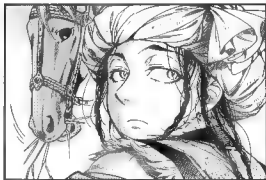
THERE
WAS NOT
A SINGLE
DISSENTING
VOICE.



HERE.

EAT IT.











COTTON,
HEMP...

...SILK...

...AND SILK
THREAD...

◆ CHAPTER 47 ◆



THAT
SHOULD BE
ENOUGH FOR
EVERYTHING
YOU NEED.





CHAPTER 47
THE COMB
HOLDER



IT'S A LONG TRADITION, AND WITHOUT A COMPLETE SET OF EMBROIDERED CLOTH, A GIRL IS NOT CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE TO BE MARRIED.

SHE STARTS DOING EMBROIDERY WORK LONG BEFORE SHE COMES OF MARRIAGE-ABLE AGE.

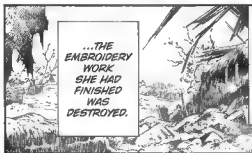


...SHE BRINGS WITH HER A LARGE QUANTITY OF EMBROIDERED TEXTILES FOR DAILY USE.

WHEN A BRIDE TAKES A HUSBAND...



...THE EMBROIDERY WORK SHE HAD FINISHED WAS DESTROYED.



BUT BECAUSE OF THE DAMAGE TO THEIR HOUSE IN THE RECENT ATTACK...

BUT IT NEVER GOT VERY FAR.

NATURALLY PARIYA ALSO DID THIS.



WE'LL HAVE TO START EVERYTHING ELSE FROM SCRATCH.

THE ONLY ONE THAT SURVIVED WAS THIS.



...BUT I DON'T WANT TO DELAY THE WEDDING FOR TOO LONG.

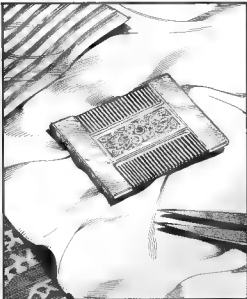
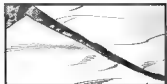
I'D LIKE TO REMAKE AS MUCH AS WE CAN...

HOW MUCH DO YOU PLAN ON RE-MAKING?





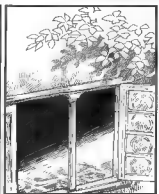
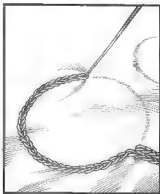
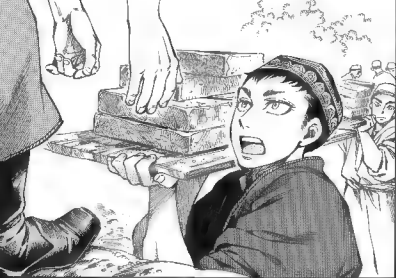








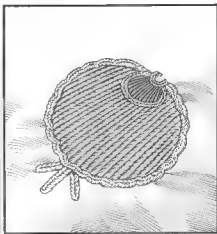
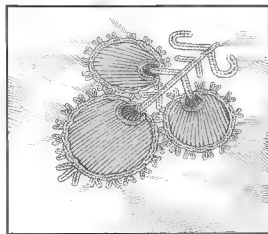
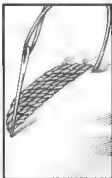
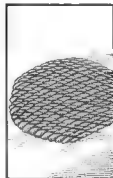






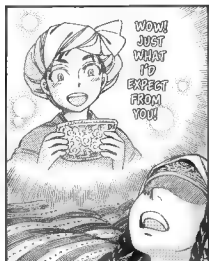


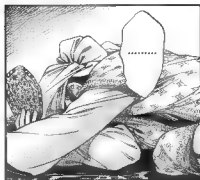


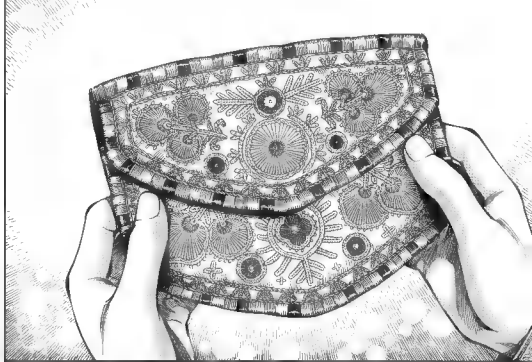














THE MORE
EMBROIDERING
YOU DO, THE
EASIER IT WILL
BECOME.



STARTING
IS THE
HARDEST
PART.



IT'S
VERY
PRETTY!



...THERE'S
STILL SO
MUCH
MORE LEFT
TO DO...

BUT...



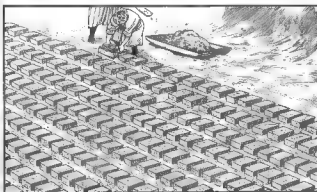
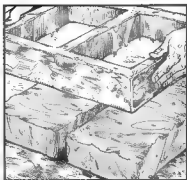
EVERY TIME
YOU SEE IT,
YOU'LL SEE
HOW WELL
YOU MADE IT.



BESIDES

...YOU'LL
BE USING
THIS
EVERY
DAY.









...SO I
THOUGHT
I'D LET HIM
STRETCH
HIS LEGS
A BIT.

THIS
GUY'S
BEEN
COOPED
UP ALL
THIS
TIME...



KARLUK?

OH,
YUSUF!



WHERE
ARE YOU
HEADED?



OH,
I'M
FINE.

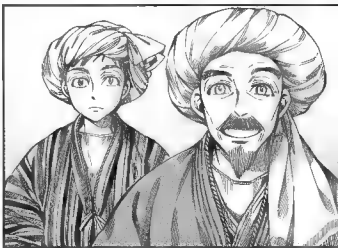
TORKAN
AND THE
OTHER
CHILDREN
HELP.



YOU'VE
BEEN TAKING
CARE OF
ALL THOSE
HORSES
BY YOUR-
SELF...

HAVE
YOU BEEN
MANAGING
ON YOUR
OWN?













CHAPTER 48
UMAR IS HERE





ANY SIBLINGS?
OR PROMINENT
RELATIVES? IS
HE AN ONLY
CHILD?

I WONDER
WHAT
KIND OF
WORK HIS
FAMILY
DOES.

WHAT?
YOU MEAN
THAT
PARIYA?!

THAT
BOY IS IN
TALKS TO
MARRY
PARIYA!

WHERE
DOES HE
LIVE?



WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING,
GOSSIP-
ING OVER
HERE?



HER
MOTHER
MUST BE SO
RELIEVED
THAT THEY
FINALLY
FOUND A
MATCH.

WE'LL
CERTAINLY
NEED AN
INTRO-
DUCTION
SOMETIME
SOON.



HE
LOOKS
A BIT
TOO THIN.
DON'T YOU
THINK?

HE
LOOKS A
RESPON-
SIBLE
SORT
TO ME.
NOT A
BAD
CHOICE.



I CAN DO
A LOT OF
THINGS.

WATCH
SHEEP.
CARRY
WATER.
MAKE
BRICKS.

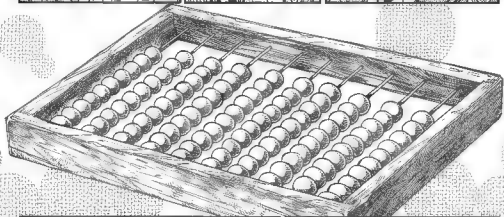
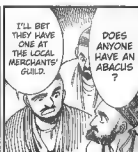


...WHAT
CAN YOU
DO?

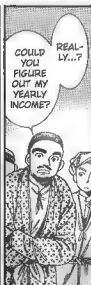


LET'S
SEE...

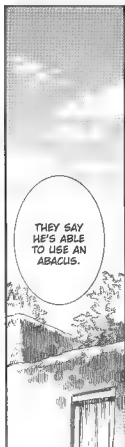
WHAT
SHOULD
WE HAVE
YOU DO?













HE SAYS HE HAS RELATIVES IN THE NEXT TOWN OVER, SO FOR A WHILE HE'LL BE ABLE TO HELP OUT HERE DURING THE DAY.



I WAS IMPRESSED.

HE'S VERY FAST.



SO HE CAN DO THAT TOO?



EHI?

NO!

PARIYA, BRING HIM SOME BREAD AND FRUIT.



WELL, WE SHOULD AT LEAST BRING HIM A GIFT OR TWO.



EXACTLY! PUT ON SOME PROPER CLOTHES AND GO!

HE'S COME ALL THIS WAY, RIGHT? GO AND SEE HIM!

I'LL LOAN YOU SOME NICE CLOTHES!



THEN THIS IS YOUR PERFECT CHANCE!

AN APOLOGY WILL TAKE CARE OF THE WHOLE MATTER!



I... I MEAN...

HOW CAN I FACE HIM NOW...?

I SAID SOME TERRIBLE THINGS TO HIM BEFORE...









...SO
I WANT TO
MAKE SURE
I DO THEM
PROPERLY.

AFTER ALL,
EVERYONE
WILL SEE
THEM...



...THIS
TIME...

...I
CAN MAKE
IT BETTER
THAN I DID
BEFORE.



BUT...

BUT
MAKING IT
ALL OVER
AGAIN
MEANS...



I THINK
THE WHOLE
EXPERIENCE
MIGHT NOT
BE ALL
BAD...



THEY'RE
PRETTY
IMPORT-
ANT...

...SO I
DON'T THINK
I SHOULD
JUST RUSH
MY WAY
THROUGH
THEM...



ER...
HUH?

NO. NO,
IT ISN'T. I
TAKE THAT
BACK...

MAYBE IT'S
ACTUALLY
BETTER
THAT THINGS
TURNED
OUT THIS
WAY...

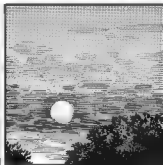


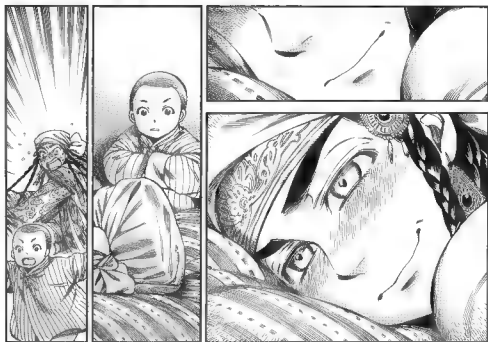
I-I MIGHT
HAVE NEEDED
THIS TO GET
BETTER AT MY
EMBROIDERY...

SO
MAYBE
...





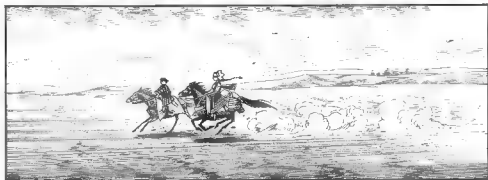
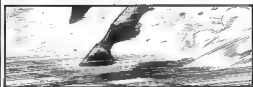






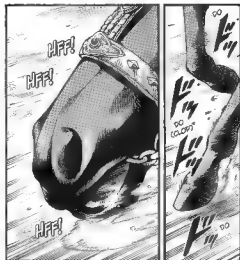


THAT'S
AMAZING!
AMAZING!!





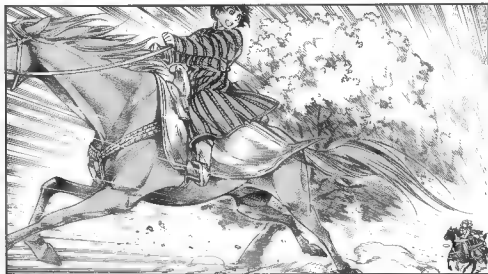
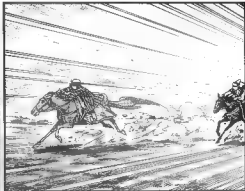
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A LONG DAY
TRIP FOR TWO
◆



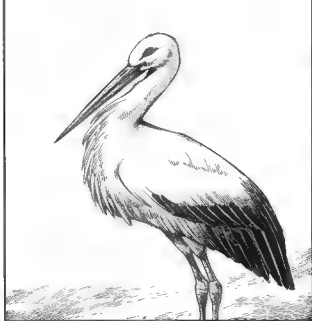






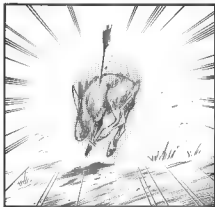


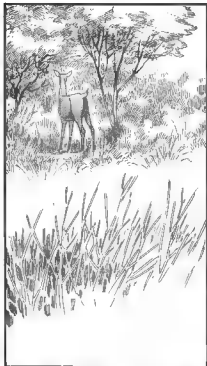














WHOA!
WHAT A
CATCH!



OH! YOU
ALREADY
DRAINED
THE
BLOOD!

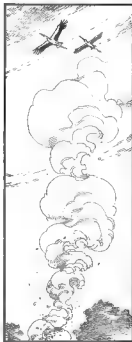


SINCE WE
HAVE MORE
PEOPLE IN
THE HOUSE
NOW, THIS
WILL SERVE
AS TOMOR-
ROW'S
LUNCH.

ONCE
WE'VE HAD
OUR FILL,
WE'LL
CLEAN THE
REST AND
BRING IT
HOME.



BUT ISN'T
THIS TOO
MUCH FOR
JUST US
TWO?









WEL-
COME HOM-

WELL,
LOOK
AT
THIS!



WE'RE
HOME!



WE
GAVE
THEM A
GOOD
RUN.

SULKEEK
SHOULD BE
SATISFIED
FOR NOW.



WEL-
COME
BACK.

HOW
DID IT
GO?



IS
THAT FOR
UMAR...

...
PARIYA?



MOTHER
SAID
SO...

I HAVE TO
BRING HIM
SOMETHING
EVERY DAY
WHILE HE'S
HELPING
OUT...

UM...
YES.



I WONDER
IF THERE'S
SOMEPLACE
WE COULD
USE AS A
RUNNING
RANGE.

WE CAN'T
DO THAT
FOR ALL
OF THE
HORSES,
HUH?









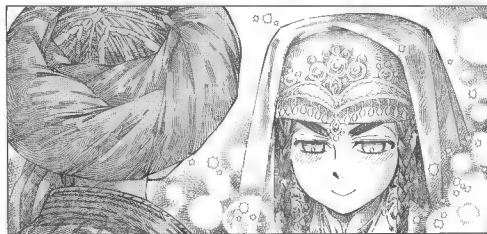
CONGRAT-
ULATIONS,
FARIYA!

ISN'T
THIS
WONDER-
FUL?

BEST
WISHES!

YOU'RE SO
PRETTY!

YOU MAKE
SUCH A
BEAUTIFUL
BRIDE!

















YOU DON'T
LOOK WELL
AT ALL.

WHAT'S
WRONG,
PARIYA?

ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT?



GOOD
MORNING.



I'LL
FORGET
IT SOON,
SO DON'T
WORRY.

REALLY.



IT'S...

.....I'M
FINE.

...NOT
IMPOR-
TANT...



MORNING!

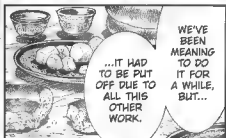
GOOD
MORNING!







BUT THE MEN HAVE NO TIME.

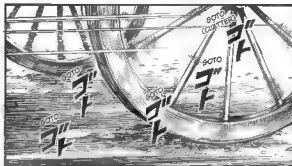






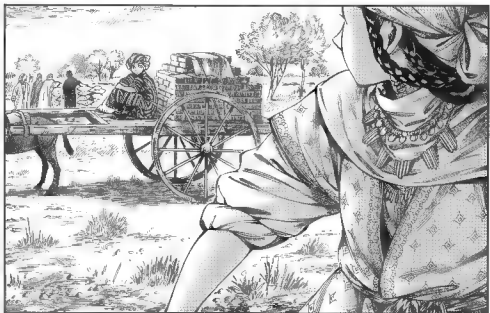














HOW LONG...

WHY...!?

...HAS HE BEEN THERE...!?



AH.....

DO COOHO

AH.....



SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.

LET'S GO.



I HAD NO IDEA...

...YOU WERE SO PUSHY.

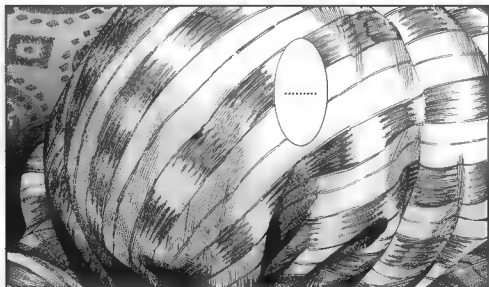


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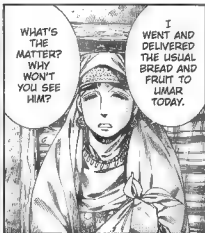
UM...

THIS ISN'T...











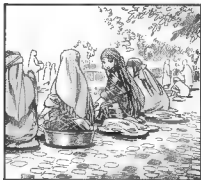








◆
CHAPTER 51
PARIYA'S
DECISION
◆



KAMOLA OF
THE RAHIM
FAMILY...



SHE HAS
A REAL
TALENT
FOR
SINGING
AND
DANCING.

AND
IT'S NOT
JUST HER
ABILITY
TO SEW
AND KEEP
HOUSE...



OF
COURSE HER
FAMILY IS
PRACTICALLY
FIGHTING
OFF THE
SUITORS.

VISITORS
COME TO
HER FATHER
PRETTY
MUCH EVERY
DAY.



A BRIGHT
PERSONALITY,
ENERGETIC,
KIND TO
EVERYONE,
AND REALLY
GOOD WITH
KIDS.

AND ALL
THE OTHER
GIRLS
HER AGE
SEEM TO
RESPECT
HER.





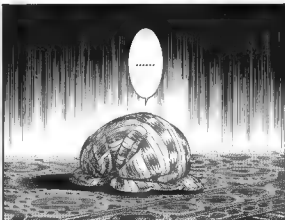












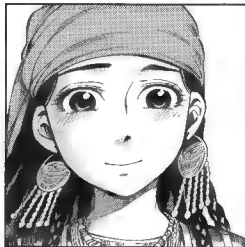












AFTERWORD





AFTERWORD TAN-TA-DAH!! MANGA!!

*Come!
Springtime!*

(FROM THE
HEARTS)

AND
MAKE IT
QUICK!

STILL,
YOU KNEW
THINGS
COULDN'T GO
SMOOTHLY
FOR
PARIYA!

WHAT?!

EVEN SO,
IT'S ALMOST
LIKE THINGS
ARE MOVING
BACKWARD.

AND
WE'RE
ALREADY AT
A BRIDE'S
STORY,
VOL. 8!

PARIYA'S
CHAPTER
HAS
BEGUN!

A WINTER
MORNING:
AWAKE,
BUT CAN'T LEAVE
THE WARMTH:
BEE-POTATO
BUG.

HELLO,
EVERY-
ONE! I'M
KAORU
MORI!

MOST PEOPLE
DON'T USE
SUCH POLITE
LANGUAGE
WHEN THEY
ARE CLOSE
IN AGE.

THE REASON
PARIYA TALKS
MORE FORMALLY
THAN KAMOLA
IS BECAUSE
PARIYA IS
STANDOFFISH
TO EVERYONE.

SHE ISN'T
CONSIDERED
TO BE OF A
MARRIAGE-
ABLE AGE
QUITE YET.

LIKE A VERY
SMART UNDER-
CLASSMAN.

SHE MAY
SEEM OLDER,
BUT SHE'S
ACTUALLY
TWO OR
THREE YEARS
YOUNGER
THAN PARIYA.

AND
THIS TIME,
SHE'S
MADE A
FRIEND
NAMED
KAMOLA.

THEY'VE
GONE
EXTINCT
NOW.

ALSO, IN THE
"GAZELLE" STORY,
WE SEE THE
CASPIAN TIGER
THAT LIVED IN
THAT REGION
LONG AGO.

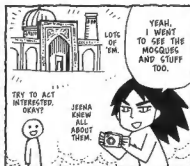
THEY SAY
IT WAS A
BEAUTIFUL
ANIMAL
SIMILAR TO
THE GIBERIAN
TIGER.

BONE!



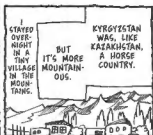


SINCE WE WERE ON A TIGHT TIMETABLE, I HAD TO LIMIT IT TO THREE COUNTRIES THIS TIME.





ASIDE FROM THAT, KAZAKHSTAN IS...



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